

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
) WC Docket No. 07-204
Petition of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance)
from Enforcement of the Commission's ARMIS)
and 492A Reporting Requirements Pursuant to)
47 U.S.C. § 160(c)

ORDER

Adopted: October 17, 2007

Released: October 18, 2007

Revised Filing Dates:

Comments Due: December 6, 2007

Reply Comments Due: December 21, 2007

By the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. On September 13, 2007, Qwest Corporation filed a petition requesting forbearance under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from enforcement of certain Automated Reporting Management Information System (ARMIS) and 492A reporting requirements (the "Qwest Petition").¹ On September 20, 2007, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) released a Public Notice requesting that comments on the Qwest Petition be filed by October 22, 2007, and reply comments by November 6, 2007.² On October 12, 2007, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) filed a request for an extension of the comment and reply comment periods by 45 days.³ The WUTC request states that the extension would enable WUTC to engage in a thorough analysis of the impact of forbearance on their ability to carry out their statutory duties.⁴

2. We agree that providing additional time to file comments and reply comments will

¹ *Petition of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance from Enforcement of the Commission's ARMIS and 492A Reporting Requirements Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c)*, WC Docket No. 07-204 (filed September 13, 2007). Qwest filed an erratum to this petition on September 27, 2007, correcting a typographical error in the caption. *Erratum Re: Petition of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance from Enforcement of the Commission's ARMIS and 492A Reporting Requirements Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c)*, WC Docket No. 07-204 (filed September 27, 2007). Qwest filed a second erratum to this petition on October 1, 2007 including signed signature and certificate pages. *Second Erratum Re: Petition of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance from Enforcement of the Commission's ARMIS and 492A Reporting Requirements Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c)*, WC Docket No. 07-204 (filed October 1, 2007).

² *Pleading Cycle Established for Qwest Corporation Petition Seeking Forbearance from Enforcement of Certain ARMIS and 492A Reporting Requirements*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 07-204, DA 07-3949 (filed September 22, 2007).

³ Request for Extension of Time by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, WC Docket No. 07-204 (filed Oct. 12, 2007) (WUTC Request).

⁴ WUTC Request at 1-2.

facilitate the production of a more complete and developed record in this proceeding. We note that it is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.⁵ Given the potential impact of forbearance from the ARMIS and 492A reporting requirements on state regulatory authorities, we find that good cause exists to provide parties an extension of time, from October 22, 2007 to December 6, 2007 for filing comments, and from November 6, 2007 to December 21, 2007 for filing reply comments in this proceeding. We appreciate the importance of the federal reports at issue in this proceeding to WUTC and other state commissions, and we agree that the public interest would be served by allowing additional time for parties to prepare and provide detailed comments regarding the merits of Qwest's petition.⁶

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 5(c) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155(c), and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.46, the pleading cycle established in this matter shall be modified as follows:

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4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Request of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission for Extension of Time is GRANTED, as set forth herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

⁶ WUTC Request at 1-2.